

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD
2014 SINE DIE MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2015
WESTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
55 Jefferson Avenue
6:30 PM

1. Opening of the Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Birkner at 6:30 pm. Mayor Birkner then read the Open Public Meetings Law Statement: "This meeting which conforms with the Open Public Meetings law, Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, is a regular Borough Council meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the municipal bulletin board."

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Birkner – Present
Councilmember Arroyo – Present
Councilmember Bicocchi – Present
Councilmember Grefrath – Present
Councilmember Miller – Present
Councilmember Owens - Present
Council President Waneck – Present
Borough Administrator Hoffmann – Present
Borough Attorney Huntington – Present
Borough Clerk Hughes – Present

Committee Assignments:

Police & Emergency Management
Land Use
Finance, Administration & Capital Projects
Fire & Ambulance
Health & Recreation
Public Properties

3. Flag Salute:

Mayor Birkner led those present in the salute to the flag.

4. Approval of Minutes: October 28, 2014

Motion to Adopt: Councilmember Grefrath	Second: Councilmember Arroyo
Roll Call: Councilmember Arroyo – Yes	Councilmember Bicocchi – Abstain
Councilmember Grefrath – Yes	Councilmember Miller – Abstain
Councilmember Owens - Yes	Council President Waneck – Yes

Approval of Minutes: November 17, 2014

Motion to Adopt: Councilmember Grefrath	Second: Councilmember Arroyo
Roll Call: Councilmember Arroyo – Yes	Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes
Councilmember Grefrath – Yes	Councilmember Miller – Yes
Councilmember Owens - Yes	Council President Waneck – Yes

5. Public Hearing - Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Application for 31 Nugent Place

Mayor Birkner explained that the Borough has applied for grant money from the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust

Fund to purchase the final of three properties in a row on Nugent Place. These purchases are working towards alleviating flooding in the area.

Motion to open the public hearing: Councilmember Grefrath Second: Councilmember Arroyo
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

No one wished to be heard.

Motion to close public hearing: Councilmember Grefrath Second: Councilmember Miller
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

6. Reports of Committees and Officials:

A) Mayor's Report

Mayor Birkner thanked everyone for a successful 2014. There were many difficulties and many accomplishments. He thanked Council President Waneck for her service and looks forward to working with Chris Montana.

B) Engineer's Report

1) Biweekly Report

Dr. Boswell reviewed the biweekly report, a copy of which is attached.

2) Mill and Eighth Streets Drainage

Mayor Birkner asked about the drainage issue at Mill and Eighth Streets. Dr. Boswell will provide an estimate for the cost.

C) Council Liaison & Committee Reports

1) Finance, Administration and Capital Projects:

a) BAN Sale

Councilmember Grefrath reviewed the details and results of the BAN sale held 12/17/14.

b) 2015 Road Paving Program

Councilmember Grefrath reminded everyone that discussion was held in November on trying to piggy back the Borough's 2015 road paving with PSEG's Energy Strong paving. After some discussion on a cooperative approach, Council President Waneck told Dr. Boswell that the DPW Superintendent has a map of the streets that would need paving. Boswell will meet with Mr. Woods and ultimately PSEG to work out the paving program.

c) Borough Administrator

Councilmember Grefrath asked Mr. Huntington to discuss the voluntary separation of Mr. Hoffmann. Mr. Huntington said he has drafted an agreement and resolutions. He advised

that the Governing Body may wish to discuss it in closed. Mayor Birkner said he did not participate nor was he party to any discussion, and had no prior knowledge of meetings about this or financial arrangements.

2) Police and OEM:

a) PBA Negotiations

Councilmember Arroyo reported that the CFO is crunching numbers pertaining to the PBA negotiations, which will be discussed at the next Police Committee meeting.

b) CERT

Councilmember Arroyo complimented Councilmember Miller for his work on establishing the CERT team, whose members will be sworn in at the Reorganization meeting.

3) Fire and Ambulance:

a) E16 Funding

Councilmember Miller reviewed the pros and cons of repairing the existing Engine 16 versus replacing it. Councilmember Owens noted he had some questions but they have been answered to his satisfaction. Councilmember Miller asked Councilmember Grefrath about the funding method. Councilmember Grefrath will discuss with the CFO. The consensus is to introduce the ordinance at the Reorganization meeting in order to keep the options open and lock in the price while the best funding mechanism is researched.

4) Public Properties:

a) DPW Negotiations

Council President Waneck noted that negotiations are underway for the DPW contract that expired on December 31, 2014. The matter should be resolved in the first quarter of 2015.

5) Land Use:

No report.

6) Health and Recreation:

No report.

D) Attorney's Report

No report

E) Administrator/Clerk Report

No report.

7. Agenda/Public Forum:

Motion to open Agenda/Public Forum: Councilmember Miller Second: Councilmember Arroyo

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the Affirmative.

No one wished to be heard.

Motion to close Agenda/Public Forum: Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Arroyo

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

8. Presentation of Bills, Financial Reports and Resolutions:

Councilmember Grefrath asked if there were any resolutions to add to the Consent Agenda. He stated that any Councilmembers who wished to remove any Resolution(s) to be voted upon separately could do so at this time, otherwise the Consent Agenda would be enacted in one motion.

Resolutions j, k and l were added and this time, and it was noted that resolution c was revised. Mayor Birkner requested resolutions k and l be voted on separately since there was no formal meeting on the matter or a personnel committee meeting. He would like to hear from the CFO the financial impact on the Borough of the agreement and the cost of an interim. He would also like to discuss the workload. While he understands it may be the wish of the Council to make this move, and it is their entitlement, there have been no discussions. Councilmember Grefrath asked that resolution f also be removed for separate discussion.

Resolutions as Consent Agenda:

- a) Resolution #14 - 306: Bill List & Statement of Cash**
- b) Resolution #14 - 307: Approval to Cancel Tax Overpayments**
- c) Resolution #14 - 308: Approval to Cancel Tax Balances**
- d) Resolution #14 - 309: CDL Agreement 2015**
- e) Resolution #14 - 310: Accepting Retirement**
- g) Resolution #14 - 311: Authorizing the Execution of Various Documents in Connection with the Bergen County Improvement Authority's Bergen Municipal Banc Program**
- h) Resolution #14 - 312: Approval of Joan Frangides Request to Consume Alcoholic Beverages on Public Property for a Family Party**
- i) Resolution #14 - 313: Budget Transfers 2014 Municipal Budget**
- j) Resolution #14 - 314: Towing License 2015-Bergen Brookside**

Motion to adopt resolutions #14-306 through #14-314: Councilmember Grefrath

Second: Councilmember Miller

Roll Call: Councilmember Arroyo – Yes Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes

Councilmember Grefrath – Yes Councilmember Miller – Yes

Councilmember Owens – Yes Council President Waneck – Yes

9. Resolution #14 - 315: Executive Closed Session

Motion to adopt Resolution #14-315: Councilmember Grefrath Second: Councilmember Miller

Roll Call: Councilmember Arroyo – Yes Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes

Councilmember Grefrath – Yes Councilmember Miller – Yes

Councilmember Owens- - Yes Council President Waneck – Yes

10. Reopen the Meeting:

Motion to reopen the meeting: Councilmember Miller Second: Council President Waneck

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative. The time was 7:05 pm

11. Resolutions Not On Consent Agenda

f) Resolution #14 - 316: Authorizing Repair of Bogert Bridge Lights

Councilmember Grefrath explained that a vendor provided a proposal on the lights after seeing an article in the newspaper. The quote is for lights from a different manufacturer than the ones being used now. Councilmember Grefrath reviewed how the lights for the bridge were chosen.

The consensus was to stay with the current manufacturer.

Motion to adopt Resolution #14-316: Councilmember Grefrath Second: Councilmember Miller

Roll Call: Councilmember Arroyo – Recused Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes

Councilmember Grefrath – Yes Councilmember Miller – Yes

Councilmember Owens- - Yes Council President Waneck – Yes

k) Resolution #14 - 317: Separation Agreement for Borough Administrator

Motion to adopt Resolution #14-317: Councilmember Grefrath Second: Councilmember Miller

Roll Call: Councilmember Arroyo – Yes Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes

Councilmember Grefrath – Yes Councilmember Miller – Yes

Councilmember Owens- - Yes Council President Waneck – Yes

l) Resolution #14 - 318: Appointment of Interim Administrator

Motion to adopt Resolution #14-318: Councilmember Grefrath Second: Councilmember Miller

Roll Call: Councilmember Arroyo – Yes Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes

Councilmember Grefrath – Yes Councilmember Miller – Yes

Councilmember Owens- - Yes Council President Waneck – Yes

12. Adjournment Sine Die:

Motion to adjourn Sine Die: Council President Waneck Second: Councilmember Miller

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Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.
The time was 9:16 pm.

Attest:

(signed) Karen Hughes

Karen Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk

Proofed by: Denise Holmes, Deputy Clerk